



# Healthcare Innovations Program (HIP) 2007 TRICARE Conference Poster Exhibit

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**TMA will begin accepting abstract submissions for the  
Healthcare Innovations Program (HIP) Poster Exhibit beginning 5 September 06  
The deadline for submission is 9 October 2006**

### Introduction

The Population Health and Medical Management Division (PHMMD) at TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), sponsors a Poster Exhibit and competition in conjunction with the annual TRICARE Conference. The next conference is scheduled from Monday, January 29 – Thursday, 1 February 2007 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C.

The goals of the exhibit are to showcase Military Health System (MHS) innovations and best practices, link people with ideas, and share information and tools for all organizations within the MHS.

### Abstract Submission Process

The official website for the HIP is <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/OCMO/innovations.cfm>. To participate, complete and submit the electronic submission form located on the website. Abstract submissions to **the website will only be accepted between 5 September and 9 October 06.**

New innovations, as well as innovations previously submitted in the past, are eligible for consideration for the 2007 Poster Exhibit. However, preference will be given to new submissions should space become limited.

### Abstract Evaluation Process

The scoring criteria, for reviewing the abstracts, is listed below. See website for more detailed information.

- **Adaptable/Replicable**
  - Innovation may be transitioned to another “like” organization
  - Innovation has universal applicability for the MHS
- **Innovative**
  - Utilize technology as a tool
  - Evidence-based practice
  - “Out of the Box” approach
- **Outcome-based**
  - Measurable
  - Results demonstrate cost avoidance or return on investment (ROI)
  - Efficiency and effectiveness was achieved
- **Sustainable/Institutionalized**
  - A process or mechanism has been established within the MTF to maintain results over time.
  - Written guidance of ongoing review and evaluation of the process.

## **Poster Exhibit Presentation**

Innovations will be selected for presentation in two different forums: an oral presentation and poster exhibit display.

- **ORAL PRESENTATION:**

- The winner for **each category** will have the opportunity to give an oral presentation during one of the sessions in the Clinical Quality Track at the TRICARE conference.
- Awards will be presented for the best innovation in the categories of **Access, Cost, Effective Patient Partnership, Healthy Lifestyles, Quality, and Readiness.**

- **POSTER EXHIBIT DISPLAY:**

- Fifty participants with the top scoring abstracts will be invited to submit a professional poster for exhibit at the TRICARE conference.

**Participants selected to display a poster at the conference will be notified by 3 November 06.** For detailed information and guidance, please review the Poster Guidance and Format guidelines.

## **Poster Guidance and Format**

The poster is a visual display of the written abstract. Each poster should clearly explain, illustrate, and supplement the information in the abstract. You may use illustrations, photos, charts, graphs, outlines, or other graphics to explain/describe your project. Posters must be **professionally developed** and visually appealing; creativity is highly encouraged. The best posters contain less text, but present more results data. To assist with the creation of your poster, review examples of previous submissions at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/OCMO/innovations.cfm>.

## **Poster Guidance and Format (Cont'd)**

Posters with **vendor names** prominently displayed **will not** be considered. However, it is acceptable to include contact information of the submitting organization. *Any contact information listed on the poster must include government personnel (military or civilian).*

**The poster must meet the following guidelines:**

- The dimensions for each poster **must be 44 inches (across) by 36 inches (high)**. (Please adhere to the required poster size).
  - We recommend that you use flexible paper that can easily be rolled into a poster tube mailer. There are several types of lamination available.
- Posters should be easily read from a distance of six (6) feet.
- Posters should be sent ready to hang **with the velcro already applied to the back of the poster before mailing**.
  - The posters will be mounted on a corkboard display covered with fabric which will accommodate velcro adhesive.
- Lack of readability or poor overall appearance may result in your poster not being selected for the exhibit.

We highly encourage providing handouts which explain the innovation. We recommend a minimum of 200 copies. A display case for the handouts will be provided at the exhibit site.

## **Mailing Instructions**

Both posters and handouts must be received at the TMA office not later than **COB 29 December 06**. Posters and handouts should be sent to:

**TRICARE Management Activity/OCMO  
Attention: HIP  
Skyline Five, Suite 810; 5111 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22041-3206**

## **General Information**

- You do not have to attend the conference in order to participate in the Poster Exhibit.
- **Please do not put personal identifying information within the abstract.**
- Acceptance of your poster in the exhibit **DOES NOT** imply registration or admission to the TRICARE Conference or that TMA will provide funding for travel.
- The TRICARE Conference Poster Exhibit will be monitored, but will not be staffed.
- All posters will remain on display for the duration of the conference. Posters will be removed no earlier than noon on the last day of the conference.
- It is the responsibility of the submitters to remove their poster after 1200, 1 Feb 07. If you are unable to collect your poster, please contact the Office of the Chief Medical Officer (703) 681-0064 to make other arrangements. Please notify us if you do not wish to save your poster.

## **Summary Schedule of Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Items Due</b>
August, 2006	Call for Abstracts sent
9 October 2006	Deadline to submit innovations and abstract
27 October 2006	Judging completed
3 November 2006	Notification of acceptance
29 December 2006	Deadline to receive poster and handouts
28 January 2007	Poster Exhibit set up
1 February 2007	Poster Exhibit end
1 February 2007	2007 TRICARE conference ends

**For questions, please contact Office of Chief Medical Officer, HIP.  
The telephone number is (703) 681-0064. (DSN 761)**